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CITE NPIC 14504TO: [REDACTED] INFO DIRECTOR, [REDACTED] A  
THIS IS FROM [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. ANALYSIS OF GIANT SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY FLOWN DURING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REVEALS A NEW EAST-WEST ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
ACROSS MR-1 IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW ROAD EXTENDS FROM ROUTE  
165/966 IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] IN LAOS TO THE PRESENT LIMIT OF  
USABLE PHOTOGRAPHY AT [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 24 STATUTE MILES 25X1A  
WEST OF QUANG NGAI, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ROAD IS PRESENTLY ABOUT 70  
STATUTE MILES IN LENGTH, INCLUDING THE SEGMENTS STILL UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION.

2. THE WESTERN HALF OF THIS ROAD HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNDER CON-  
STRUCTION FOR SOME TIME SINCE VEHICLE TRACKS CAN BE SEEN IN SOME  
PLACES ALONG THIS PORTION OF THE ROAD AS FAR EAST AS [REDACTED] 25X1D  
APPROXIMATELY 33 MILES EAST OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.  
CURRENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ALONG THE EASTERN HALF OF THE NEW  
ROAD CONSISTS OF INTERMITTENT SEGMENTS OF VEGETATION CLEARING,  
INITIAL ROADBED EXCAVATION AND CLEARED SURVEY TRACES. THERE ARE  
SOME GAPS IN THE CONSTRUCTION. GIANT SCALE [REDACTED] 25X1A

OVER THE EASTERN HALF  
OF THE AREA OF NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION REVEALED ONLY ONE MINOR SEGMENT  
OF THE ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME.

3. THE NEW ROAD BRANCHES INTO TWO ROADS APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES  
WEST OF QUANG NGAI; HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL JUNCTION OF THE TWO BRANCHES  
IS NOT EVIDENT AT THIS TIME. ONE BRANCH EXTENDS EAST TO THE LIMIT  
OF OBSERVATION AT [REDACTED] 24 MILES WNW OF QUANG NGAI. CONSTRUCTION  
ACTIVITY ON THE OTHER BRANCH IS VISIBLE BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND THE 25X1D  
PRESENT LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION AT [REDACTED] 25 MILES WSW OF QUANG 25X1D  
NGAI.

4. THE UTM COORDINATES OF THE NEW ROAD EXTENDING FROM ROUTE 966  
IN LAOS ARE LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING COLUMNS: (NOTE, TRACE DESIGNATES  
APPARENT SURVEY TRACES. GAP DENOTES A GAP IN CONSTRUCTION.)

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5. THE BRANCH OF NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION THAT EXTENDS SOUTHEAST  
IS ALIGNED ALONG THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

25X1D

## PHOTO REFERENCES:

GIANT SCALE

MAP REFERENCES:

AMS SERIES L607, SHEETS 6539, 6639

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